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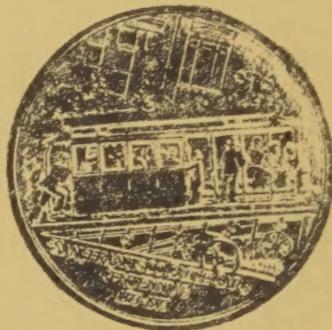
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THE MINT DIRECTORS PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Members,

Second tour of duty for this newly elected President. First stint was at the beginning, back in 1961-1963. Lots of memories have been established since then, and a lot of water have gone under the bridge. Lost some wonderful people too along the way: Everett Higgins, Roy Hill, Milton Struach, and Rudy Gjurovich, to name a few. This President will certainly try not to dismiss their memories.

I will not herewith make a lot of empty promises and pledges, suffice it to say 'I will do my best' and you may be the judge. Do sincerely solicit the help and encouragement from all of you.

No one can say this coin collecting hobby is not without excitement and constantly changing scenes. Since the 1960's we have watched the numismatic climate go from hot to cold and back to hot again. NCNA has logged a good many effective miles and the best seemingly just ahead.

The numismatic fraternity, and we are as much that as we are coin collectors and/or dealers, has been heavily buffeted in recent years. A state of flux has existed and continues. We now need lobbyists to protect our interests and to assure we will not be legislated out of existence. We have blamed for a lot of problems: shortage of cents, hoarding of silver coins, gold boom and bust, counterfeiting, and so on. We have survived and we will, but we must be vigilant. Support your hobby and stick together, and NCNA is the place to do it!

One of the largest changes in numismatics happens from within, in the main due to a depressed economy, that is, the 'across-the-board' loss in grading that occurred a year or so ago. One night we all went to bed with coins that were uncirculated, and we awoke to learn they were just EF/AU. One whole grade just dropped out of sight. Why? This was perpetrated because the market was flat. Instead of letting prices drop as they might in an open market, the reduction in value was accomplished by 'degrading', something like devaluing the cash in your savings account.

The saga has continued, first with MS-60, 65, and 70, and more recently, MS-61, 62, 63, 64, 66, 67, et cetera. Can MS-61(a) or MS-61.1 be far off? True, all this, has excited new interest by those who had commenced to lag in interest. Even attracting those new collectors who wondered what we nuts were talking about with these crazy numbers. As you know, each number carries a different price tag and more battles of opinion ensured as between MS-63 or MS-64. Anyhow we kept our slate clean, our prices did not drop, just our grade.

Key thing is, we have an exciting new battlefield and challenge. Everyone is now grading and trading. AND THAT is where NCNA does and always will excel: providing the platform to learn and excite

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

Back of September 10, 1935, a Standard Oil taker, the SS D.G. Scofield, bound south in the Pacific crossed the Equator near the South American continent. Aboard her was a young seaman, twenty years of age, at sea for the first time. On that date, this young man was initiated, as so many others through the centuries, into the ancient order and rite of sailors at their first crossing of the Equator. Some fifty years later, on July 23rd of this year, that same individual passed away. He was my Dad.

My Dad was not a coin hobbyist, although he had a causal interest and would help me in my organizational work. Never a Vallejo Coin Show did he miss, nor going to the Post Office each Wednesday while I was teaching to check the mail, or the telephone calls that he answered for me, and the NCNA Heads and Tales issues that he helped stamp with me.

My Dad was not the greatest or best father. However, he left me more than life, a name, and an inheritance. It is not easy to articulate what my legacy is for in all candor Dan and I were different: he barely graduated from San Rafael High, I graduated magna cum laude from San Francisco State; he retired as an Outside Machinist from Mare Island Naval Shipyard, I teach junior high, and he belonged only to NAFRE, I have membership in thirty different groups.

My Dad, however, was superior in his own way. I always stood in awe of his mechanical ability. I always was dumbfounded with his sharp sense of a bargain. Dad could fix most anything, and Dad knew the best buys in Vallejo.

My Dad left me a legacy that cannot be measured or even seen very clearly. Dad's legacy is more than memories or a name. It is a purpose to life: I choose my career because of my Dad's work; I take pride in anything I do because Dad taught me any job is worth doing right; I respect a man with mechanical skills because of my Dad's own ability, and I seek to do the best because that is what Dad would want.

My Dad lived a long hard life. Child of immigrants and product of the Great Depression, he had worked hard all his life and lived in pain for years from an industrial accident.

My Dad is now, after a burdened life, at rest and peace. He no longer has worries nor responsibilities. He out fishing, relaxing on the shore along Carquinez Strait, trying with sardine bait for that twenty-four inch plus striped bass that he sought for so long to hook and land. Now he has the time, all the time to relax and be at peace.

My Dad is now gone, and I am casted upon the ocean of life alone. All that I have had up to now in life has in varying degrees been

GOLD MINER DIGGINES: NCNA News and Happenings

Coin Show Schedule

Has been a long-time valuable service of NCNA and is coordinated by NCNA Treasurer Edward Sins; however, if coin clubs fail to inform and to report adequately in time, this Schedule is of little or no use. Coin clubs seeking to be listed are strongly advised to write with their coin shows details six months or more in advance.

The NCNA Board of Directors is on record strongly encouraging all northern California coin clubs to use this Coin Show Schedule. For information and a supply of the latest Schedule, write to: "Edward Sins, Coin Show Schedule, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150".

Coin Club List

Enclosed with this Nineteenth Issue is the latest Edition of NCNA's Coin Club List which is coordinated by O. L. Wallis. This viable NCNA service encourages coin hobbyists to attend and to participate in the various northern California coin clubs.

Mr. Wallis is in constant need for the latest information and changes of the coin clubs listed. Clubs are asked to report their latest details and to distribute copies of the List to members and the public at club meetings and coin shows. Information and request for copies direct to: "O. L. Wallis, Coin Club List, 58 Tan Oak Circle, San Rafael, CA, 94903".

1986 NCNA Officers

The election was recently concluded, and the results out of about twenty-five ballots casted were:

Denis N. Hooker, President
Constance B. Perham, First Vice-President
Michael S. Turrini, Second Vice-President
Edward Sins, Treasurer
Brian G. Kestner, Secretary

Mrs. Perham, long-time NCNA member, is a former President, serving 1974-1976, and was previously also First Vice-President.

1986 NCNA Medal

Every five years, starting back in 1971, NCNA has minted a one ounce silver medal. The 1986 issue will be the fourth. Designs are being solicited from NCNA members with the details to be announced in the January 1986 NCNA Heads and Tales Issue. The consensus is for a design

that symbolizes the Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary of the Northern California Numismatic Association.

1985 Coin Show and Convention Exhibit Winners

Best of Show--Tom Walker, 'Silver Coins Through The Ages'

First Place Juniors--David Arietta, 'United States Roosevelt Dimes'

First Place Adults--Victor Titoff, 'From Reign of Emperor Nicholas the First'

Edward Sins, 'Royalist Mints of the Mexican War of Independence'

Second Place Adults--David W. Lange, 'Seated Liberty Half Dollars of the San Francisco Mint'

Brain G. Kestner, 'Franklin, Liberty Bell, Halves'

Honorable Mention--O. L. Wallis, 'Medallic Portraits of Miners Panning for Gold'

Thelma Krieg, '20th Century Type Set'

1985 Coin Show and Convention Drawing Winners

\$10.00 Gold Eagle--Pat Rosenberg, Morgan Hill

\$5.00 Gold Half Eagle--William Himmelwright, Hudson, Wisconsin

1984 Olympic Dollars--Nancy Escalante, Hayward
Jean MaComber, Napa
Scott Stetler, Morgan Hill

1985 Coin Show and Convention Review

Although there were complaints on the attendance, this year's Coin Show and Convention produced great responses at Ron and Dennis Gillio's Auction and the Saturday afternoon Educational Forum, which had a record attendance. Good weather, sunny outdoor type, and some mistakes in publicity caused attendance to drop. Whatever the traffic, NCNA did not lose money.

Coin Club Proof Washington Commemorative Half Dollars

As a means of verifying, listed are the Coin Clubs that received a Proof Washington Commemorative Half for advertising in their Club's

periodical the 1985 NCNA Coin Show and Convention:

Vallejo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Southeastern Sierra Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Fairfield Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Glode Traders
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society

If a Coin Club listed has not received its Half, contact your Editor immediately.

1986 Coin Show and Exposition

Is still a year away and scheduled at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, for September 25-28, 1986, full four days of Bourse, Auction, Exhibits, Youth Program, and Educational Forum. Details will be reported in future Issues of NCNA Heads and Tales.

The NCNA Board of Directors has approved a special event for NCNA's Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary Coin Show and Exposition, titled 'A Gathering of Numismatic Presidents', which will invite and involve the Presidents of the following in a open Forum called 'Numismatics Into 21st Century':

American Numismatic Association
American Numismatic Society (New York City)
California State Numismatic Association
Numismatic Association of Southern California
Canadian Numismatic Association
Sociedad Numismatica de Mexico

Details and invitations are still pending; however both incoming President Denis Hooker and the Board of Directors are enthusiastic for this special, one-in-a-lifetime, numismatic gathering. Although formal invitations have yet to be sent, a copy of this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales is being sent to all the aforementioned Presidents.

NCNA has the funds to bring the leaders of the national and state numismatic organization together in September 1986 at its Coin Show and Exposition. NCNA anticipates compensating the entire costs of this major undertaking. It is hoped that NCNA members will respond to this special event, and it will further prove a fitting tribute in the commemoration of NCNA's Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary.

The Forum, 'Numismatics Into 21st Century', will most likely be an

open, give-and-take, round-table discussion on all aspects of numismatics: both the science, the hobby, its organizations, the coin coin market, and so forth. It also anticipated all Presidents will be available during some of the Coin Show and Exposition to meet and mingle with coin collectors.

'A Gathering of Numismatic Presidents' is not the only event planned for the NCNA 1986 Coin Show and Exposition. NCNA welcomes ideas from its members as to what could be done in the celebration of a quarter century of NCNA. Among suggestions made to date are: an anniversary banquet, an enlarged Educational Forum, invite the Director of the Mint to speak, and a bronze medal issue. Again, ideas are welcomed. Contact your Editor.

November Board of Directors Meeting

The final NCNA Board of Directors Meeting for 1985 will be this November 24th, Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm, in the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. As is always true, all NCNA Club Members are warmly encouraged and welcomed to send a voting Club Delegate.

Membership Medal Design

The design for the Twenty-Five Years of Membership Medal was approved at the August Board of Directors Meeting. This Medal, engraved with an NCNA member's name, will be awarded upon twenty-five years of membership with the first recipients to be recognized next year. The Medal will be minted in silver. The design, done by Floyd Becker of Vallejo, California, is enlarged below:



BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
Liberty Numismatic Society
Cupertino Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Napa Valley Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Southeastern Sierra Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club

Fairfield Coin Club Has the unique distinguish of any California coin club of meeting in a brewery, the Anheuser-Busch in Fairfield at its August 28th meeting. To honor long-time member, officer, and booster, the late Rich Neily, the FCC established the 'Rich Neily Memorial Award' with the first presentations to be bestowed this December. FCC has also adopted a paid Life Membership, and within the first month, three members paid, to both their and the Club's benefit: STAN TURRINI, LUCKY WILLIAMS, and HAROLD SALAS.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Is recuperating from its September 4th 'Gold Night' with records in Show 'n Tell, attendance, drawing income, guest attendance, and just over-all enthusiasm. Fellow coin collectors traveled from Santa Rosa, Stockton, and San Jose to attend. Officers were present from: Fairfield Coin Club, Redwood Empire Coin Club, Pacific Coast Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, Diablo Numismatic Society, Delta Coin Club, Cupertino Coin Club, Solano Silver Round Club, Napa Valley Coin Club, and Northern California Numismatic Association. Show 'n Tell displayed over \$200,000.00 value in gold. There were not enough seats, all the special cake was eaten, and eighteen gold coin prizes found happy winners. It was a very successful event. The VNS' big event in 1986 will be its 14th Annual Vallejo Coin Show on June 8, 1986, Sunday, hours 9:00am to 5:00pm, at the traditional site, Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. This one day Vallejo Coin Show will again be a full multi-event with Bourse, exhibits, invited meetings, Youth Table, drawings, a fourteen gold coin raffle, Educational Forum, and more.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Winners in the PCNS 1985 Literary Contest were: MICHAEL S. TURRINI, First Place Silver Medal, for

'Crowns For An Admiral: The Hungarian Admiral Horthy Five Pengo Coinage'; WILLIAM D. HENRY, Second Place Bronze Medal, for 'Early Electrum Issues of Asia Minor', and DAVID W. LANGE, Third Place Bronze Medal, for 'A Study on the Edge Reeding of Seated Liberty Half Dollars'. Honorable Mentions went to: STEPHEN M. HUSTON, 'A Study In Rarity' and CAROL M. FIESE, "The United States Cents of 1794". Sad news comes from the PCNS, the recent death of MRS. HARRY CUTLER, the only woman PCNS Fellow. Recent PCNS speakers were: HENRY C. LINDGREN, 'Great Expectations--The Psychology of Money', July 31st and RICK WEBSTER, 'English Crowns', August 28th. As your Editor has stated before, PCNS always has high quality programs at its meetings.

San Francisco Coin Club Has had two fine talks: MIKE MCCOY, 'Early American Coppers', July 23rd and STEPHEN SEELING, 'Coins of Luxembourg', September 24th. The SFCC recent big event was its 300th Meeting on August 27th. The SFCC First Meeting was on October 21, 1960 with ROY HILL, PAUL and CAROL SNEDAKER, and JOHN SEARS the initiators of the SFCC. What else happened on October 21, 1960 along with the birth of the San Francisco Coin Club? As Acting Editor PAUL HOLZMAN reported in Two Cents Worth August issue: "Some of those 50 charter members may have been talking about the previous might when they--and 275,000 others--turned out to bid farewell to President Eisenhower as he delivered a 'nonpolitical' speech. Our founders probably missed the fourth and final 'Great Debate' between Jack Kennedy and Richard Nixon" that same night.

San Jose Coin Club Recent SJCC speakers were: TIM ARCHER, 'Columbian Exposition Admission Tickets", June 19th; AL LO, 'Coins and Medals of Hawaii', July 17th, and BRUNO RZEPKA, 'Paper Money Errors'. September 18th. The August 21st meeting was Other Hobbies Night; members displaying were: DONALD BARSI, Coat Patches; ROBERT EDWARDS, Geneology, ED FLEMATE, Souvenir Pins; AL NAMKEN, Hand-Made Wooden Toys, HARRIET SHIPARO, Leather Craft; ED SINS, Toy Trains, and MICHELE STARR, Baked Cookies. It was reported that "MICHELE set a club record; she is the first exhibitor at the club that did not get her display back". The SJCC 18th Annual Coin Show will be January 10-12, 1986 at the San Jose Convention Center, Almaden and San Carlos, San Jose. Bourse information, contact: "ROD PERRELLI, PO Box 5621, San Jose, CA, 95150", and for Exhibits, contact: "ED SINS, PO Box 5075, San Jose, CA, 95150".

Diablo Numismatic Society Had your Editor talking on Canadian Coins at its July 18th meeting and KARL MANTHEI spoke on Coin Boards at its August 15th meeting. December 1, 1985 will be the date for DNS' Annual Coin Show, hours 9:00am to 4:30pm, in the Pleasant Hill Recreation Center, 3120 Civic Drive, Pleasant Hill. This Coin Show will feature Bourse, Exhibits, and drawings. The DNS has a new mailing address: "PO Box 5473, Walnut Creek, CA, 94596".

Liberty Numismatic Society DAVID F. CIENIEWICZ, the LNS President and fine numismatist, writes for each LNS newsletter his numismatic column titled 'Horsesense, Nonsense, and Common Cents'. His recent

two short articles have been on the 1925 Norse-American Medal and Sutler Tokens. Some future issue of NCNA Heads and Tales will publish one of CIENIEWICZ'S fine columns. Recent LNS newsletters mailed to your Editor have been confusing: two September issues, but no July issue, and three copies of CIENIEWICZ'S column for the August issue. Someone at Liberty is not correlating the newsletter correctly.

Cupertino Coin Club Is always active. Other Hobbies Night participants at the June 14th meeting were: DON BARTSI, Political Buttons; DAVE THERRELL, Post Cards; CHRIS SCOTT and CHRIS FISCHER, Stuffed Bears; KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, Collector Plates; DEAN SODERSTROM, Pocket Watches; KELLY CAROLAN, Stickers; SCOTT MCEWAN, Rare Coin Photos; MICHAEL BAER, Gems and Minerals; FRANK NIELSEN, Drama Programs, and SUZANNE LO, Cabbage Patch Dolls. Recent CCC meeting programs were: 'Paper Money Errors', BRUNO RZEPKA, September 6th and 'Collecting on a Budget', August 2nd which had NICK KOCISKO, Canadian Small Cents and Nickels; GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Silver Rounds; RON ISHIZAKI, Coin Club Medals', KATHLEEN SODERSTROM, 'Credit Cards', and FRANK NIELSEN, Dealer Junk Boxes. The July 5th meeting was a first: "Due to a mix-up with the janitor, Cupertino Coin Club had its first ever outdoor meeting. Instead of the hot, stuffy meeting room, the Club had a nice cool, relaxed meeting in the patio behind the cafeteria". The CCC's First Annual Banquet will be on November 16th, Saturday evening, at the Sandpiper Restaurant in Cupertino. Write to: "FRANK NIELSEN, PO Box 1189, Cupertino, CA, 95014".

Peninsula Coin Club Has a new meeting place: California Federal Savings, Community Room, 2181 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. The meeting date and time remain the Second Monday of each month at 7:45pm. The big event for PCC is its November 10th Coin Show at the Palo Alto Hyatt. Write to: "PCC, PO Box 60484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306".

Delta Coin Club SYD KASS, DCC's Newsletter Editor, publishes one of northern California coin club's most informative and provocative club periodicals. He reports on every and anything that can be of interest or importance to DCC members. Your Editor's problem is that with so much material in the DCC's Newsletter it is hard to summarize or even select the highlights. But, let your Editor quote MR. KASS's horse racing advice: "In the last Newsletter, I told you to check with me for hot tips at the county Fair horse racing meet. Well, member L.R. (name with-held) outdid me. He had a hunch he after an odd incident so ran to the track to bet his hunch between 'Can O' Bucks' and 'Reaction Faction' in the eighth race on Wednesday, August 8th. I won't tell you how much he bet or how much he collected. BUT--'Reaction Faction' won by several lengths and paid \$13.40 to win. Moral of the story: ALWAYS PLAY YOUR HUNCHES, OR--DON'T GO THE TRACK".

Fremont Coin Club Has a mintage of thirty total for its first gold club medal. To your Editor's knowledge, FCC is the only California coin club to have minted a gold medal. Congratulations.

Recent FCC activities have been its July 14th Club Picnic and August 18th 13th Annual Coin Show. RON MILLER displayed at the August 27th meeting Show 'n Tell two 1893S Morgan Dollars. RON, is one for sale and the other for your retirement?

Redwood Empire Coin Club MARY ANN WOLBERT won the Six Month Drawing for attendance at the July 10th meeting at which also MIKE BURTON presented a slide illustrated talk on Ancient Coins. Mini-speakers at the August 14th meeting were: HORACE MOORE, 1796-1807 United States Coins; OZZIE STOUT, Statue of Liberty, and STAN TURRINI, V-J Day Newspaper Headlines.

Napa Valley Coin Club Has begun issuing a newsletter monthly; however, NCNA Heads and Tales seems not to be receiving it? NVCC please keep your Editor informed of your Club's activities, Okay?

Fresno Numismatic Society Writes that its 19th Annual Coin-A-Rama will be on November 9th and 10th, Saturday and Sunday, in the Regency Room, Piccadilly Inn, 2305 West Shaw, Fresno. There will a Bourse of twenty-five coin dealers, exhibits, and a drawing. Admission is free with hours 10:00am to 5:00pm Saturday and 10:00am to 4:00pm Sunday. Recent FNS speakers have been: RUTH PHILLIPS, 'Elongated Coins', June 11th; JOHN PETERS and DALE HEWLETT, 'Numismatic Groups to Join', August 13th, and LOREN GAITHER, 'Computer Recording for Coins', September 10th. Members sharing their favorite coins to collect at the July 9th meeting were: ANDY KOSIERSIS, Canadian Proof Sets; MERLE DAVIS, Mercury Dimes; BILL FEBUARY, Franklin Halves; JOHN PETERS, Half Cents, and DAVID JOSEPHINE, Modern Proof Sets.

Southeastern Sierra Coin Club Had a discussion on 'What Can Kitty Litter Do For Coins?' Boy, your Editor has now heard of the ultimate coin club program. It also reports the 1941 PDS cents are rare issue to obtain when searching bulk purchases.

Reno Coin Club RCC Newsletter has resumed with its Editor DOUGLAS McDONALD having returned from his recent honeymoon. Recent RCC members giving programs have been: JUDY MELICK, Franklin Half Dollars; JIM MELICK and JUNE BLACK, Half Cents, and DAVE ANDREWS, Silver Dollars. Members participating in 'Getting To Know You' have been: RUSTY KING, DAVE ANDREWS, AL SHAY, and GARY MECKLER. The next big event for the RCC will its Auction on November 16th, Saturday. Auction will begin at 11:00am and run to 3:30pm. Included with the Auction will be door prizes. It will take place at the Club's meeting location: McKinley Park School, Keystone and Riverside Streets, Reno, Nevada.

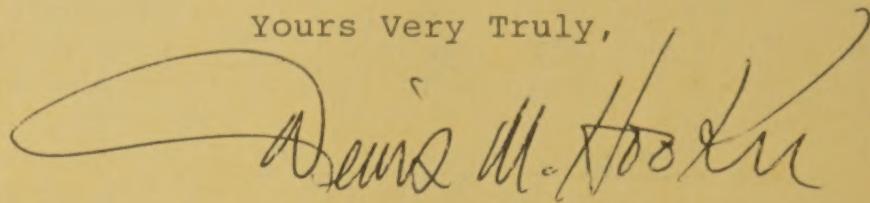
Sacramento Valley Coin Club Just issued its first newsletter, although no title has been selected yet. This First Issue reported that "SVCC member MICHAEL McDUFF 'found' a 1942-D, 2-Over-1 Mercury Dime in fine condition for the outgrageous price of 58 cents . . . MIKE purchased 100 so-called junk silver Mercury Dimes for \$58.00--an average of 58 cents each. MIKE tells it, as he was

looking through the coins he noticed one that was tarnished and the date looked strange. While cleaning coins is normally not recommended, it was the only way MIKE could determine what he really had. In this case, the cleaning proved profitable. Says MIKE, 'Keep looking. Good coins are still out there!".

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numismatics. The fraternalism of our hobby, its strongest asset, never left--come and join us for the knowledge and fun.

Yours Very Truly,



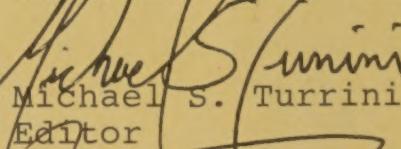
Denis N. Hooker
President

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credited, supported, or helped by Dad. But now, I am alone. Out of my tragedy, its pain and sorrow, I must resolve to live life and practice all that Dad left and taught me. These words, written to recognize my Dad, would be mute tribute if I gave up and surrendered to Death's pain and sorrow.

My Dad has passed into that life our Faith holds for all of us. Alone Mother and I are left. However, even as I write these words, this tribute, I feel Dad's presence. Dad, thanks for all that you did and were to me. Dad, whatever I do will always be my respect and tribute to you. Thanks always, Dad.

Numismatically Yours,



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